

Page 9, first paragraph:

The wetting repellent lacquer is preferably also constituted of a UV or electron beam curing lacquer with a content of silicone polymer. It is suitable to use a wetting repellent lacquer which also comprises UV or electron beam curing acrylic, epoxy or a maleimide lacquer, and is thereby chemically compatible with the wear layer. The wetting repellent lacquer is suitable translucent or semi-translucent, whereby the cured wetting repellent lacquer has translucent parts as well as transparent or opaque parts.

Page 9, second paragraph:

It is possible to enhance the structuring by adding pigmentation in the wetting repellent lacquer which will create a shadow effect in the structure. According to an alternative, with wetting repellent lacquer includes a matting agent which also creates a structure enhancing effect in the structure. Such a structure enhancing effect generally includes a pattern or other design created by the pigmentation in the cured wetting repellent lacquer.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, to read as follows. A marked-up copy of each of the claims is attached (Attachment III).

1. (Amended) A process for the manufacturing of a decorative surface element, which element comprises a base layer and a decorative upper surface, the process comprising,
 - i) providing the decorative upper surface with a decor layer, the decor layer comprising a pattern;
 - ii) printing a wetting repellent lacquer in a predetermined pattern on the decorative upper surface, at least partially matching the pattern on the decor layer, the wetting repellent covering only part of the decorative upper surface, and thereafter